

Members

Kevin Brinegar, Chairman  
Cordelia Lewis-Burks  
David Griffiths  
James Gutting  
Jimmy Neal  
Theresa Wright



# GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE ON MEDICAID AND HUMAN SERVICES

Staff: Philip J. Sachtleben

Authority:

*Legislative Services Agency  
200 West Washington Street, Suite 301  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2789  
Tel: (317) 233-0696 Fax: (317) 232-2554*

## MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

**Meeting Date:** November 20, 2003  
**Meeting Time:** 9 A.M.  
**Meeting Place:** State House, 200 W. Washington St., 125  
**Meeting City:** Indianapolis, Indiana  
**Meeting Number:** 1

**Members Present:** Kevin Brinegar, Chairman; James Gutting; Jimmy Neal; Theresa Wright.

**Members Absent:** Cordelia Lewis-Burks; David Griffiths.

### I. Call to Order.

Mr. Kevin Brinegar, Chairman, called the first meeting of the Government Efficiency Commission Subcommittee on Medicaid and Human Services to order at 9:15 am.

Mr. Brinegar discussed the future meeting dates and topics indicating that the first two meetings would provide an orientation for subcommittee members to Medicaid and that Ms. Cheryl Sullivan, Secretary, Family and Social Services Agency would attend the third meeting to discuss state human services. Mr. Brinegar asked the committee members to introduce themselves and said that Ms. Cordelia Lewis-Burks was in Washington, D.C. and unable to attend and that Mr. David Griffiths had withdrawn from the Commission.

### II. Medicaid Overview

Ms. Melanie Bella, Assistant Secretary, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, Family and Social Services Agency was asked to present the first part of a two part overview of Medicaid. Ms. Bella used an electronic presentation (Exhibit A) to provide information concerning:

---

<sup>1</sup> Exhibits and other materials referenced in these minutes can be inspected and copied in the Legislative Information Center in Room 230 of the State House in Indianapolis, Indiana. Requests for copies may be mailed to the Legislative Information Center, Legislative Services Agency, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2789. A fee of \$0.15 per page and mailing costs will be charged for copies. These minutes are also available on the Internet at the General Assembly homepage. The URL address of the General Assembly homepage is <http://www.ai.org/legislative/>. No fee is charged for viewing, downloading, or printing minutes from the Internet.

1. The federal perspective.
2. Recipients of Medicaid and eligibility requirements. (Exhibit B)
3. Indiana in comparison to other states.
4. Optional services.
5. Waivers.
6. Nursing home overcapacity.
7. Pharmacy costs.
8. State Medicaid priorities and challenges.

Questions from the subcommittee led to discussions of how the Medicaid entity is structured, how eligibility is determined, and methods of detecting fraud and duplicate services. Also, the subcommittee discussed procurement of prescription drugs including rebates negotiated by the Federal government.

### III. Topic Selection for Next Meeting.

Ms. Bella led the subcommittee in a discussion concerning the topics for the next meeting. She indicated that she was preparing to present information on budget cost projections, long term care, and waivers. The subcommittee members added items for which they wanted more information including a projection of when elderly populations will grow, areas where cuts have already been made, budgets for contractors, and elements of the Medicaid program that are dictated by the Federal government.

### IV. Adjournment.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Bella and the subcommittee members and adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.